

National Service Profiles in Indiana



Learn and Serve Indiana Programs

1. Brownsburg Community School Corporation

44 East Tilden Drive, Brownsburg, IN 46112

Number of Classrooms Participating: 64
 Number of Students Participating: 1455
 Number of Teachers Participating: 93

In 2006-2007 two Brownsburg schools have committed to participate with community partners in a Service Learning Advisory Board that will provide grants to student groups that wish to engage in meaningful service learning activities. This board will train three schools in the corporation a year for the following two years so that all students will have access to meaningful service activities that are driven by students and that have strong ties to Indiana state academic standards. Activities will include but are not limited to education, safe schools, intergenerational and environmental services.

2. Metropolitan School District of Perry Township

6548 Orinoco Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46227

Number of Classrooms Participating: 35
 Number of Students Participating: 800
 Number of Teachers Participating: 85

The Perry Township program will establish foundations to integrate and sustain service learning across the K-12 curriculum for creative strategies to address state academic standards, school improvement goals, township strategic plan objectives, and community issues for civic growth of our students. The program will be supported through a corporation-wide Service Learning Advisory Board to inform, train, fund, and monitor the service learning projects and manage the evaluation process.

3. Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation

11 West Carlisle St., Mooresville, IN 46158

Number of Classrooms Participating: 25
 Number of Students Participating: 500
 Number of Teachers Participating: 25

Our program will provide opportunities for classrooms to submit mini-grants and perform projects for various causes and recipients. Students will identify areas of concern, community partners will help define needs, and teachers will help classes find academic ties for the projects. Students and teachers write a grant proposal to a community partnership group which provides feedback, expertise and project support. A central service-learning coordinator will organize projects to avoid duplication and maximize resources.

4. North Putnam Community School Corporation

Box 169 Roachdale, IN 46172

Number of Classrooms Participating: 12
 Number of Students Participating: 2125
 Number of Teachers Participating: 14

This program is to put service-learning activities in place within the North Putnam Schools. The over-all goal is for classrooms to utilize the TSLA and JHLA students in helping to introduce service-learning and complete projects and activities. Another goal is to make sure all faculty members are trained in the key elements of service-learning and then afforded opportunity for further training if so desired, and to connect school and community toward a desired outcome.

5. Perry Central Community School Corporation

18677 Old State Road 37, Leopold, IN 47551

Number of Classrooms Participating: 25
 Number of Students Participating: 550
 Number of Teachers Participating: 35

Perry Central Community School Corporation is developing a corporation-wide service learning initiative, currently in its second year of development. The Service Learning Advisory Board awards mini-grants to classrooms that develop projects that serve a community need. Through these projects, students learn the importance of civic engagement and gain mastery of Indiana's Academic Standards while making their community a better place. Service learning is becoming an integral part of the Perry Central School Community.

6. Spencer-Owen Community Schools

205 E. Hillside Ave., Spencer, IN 47460

Number of Classrooms Participating: 25
 Number of Students Participating: 500
 Number of Teachers Participating: 30

Spencer-Owen Community Schools will continue to offer mini-grants to classroom teachers. Grants will again be evaluated and funded by the Youth Board who will also assist classroom teachers with carrying out and documenting projects. Training will be conducted through a full-day workshop in October for grants that will be awarded in November. A newly created SLAB will be a voice to bridge school and community for service learning. Bullying prevention and safe school development will continue to be areas of service for the students. Educational and environmental activities will also occur.

7. Valparaiso Community School Corporation

3801 N. Campbell Street, Valparaiso, IN 46385

Number of Classrooms Participating: 11 school buildings
 Number of Students Participating: 4,000
 Number of Teachers Participating: 100

The program goal is to increase the number of students participating in comprehensive student driven service-learning projects from 3,600 to 6,000 by the end of year three. Each school building, eleven total, will have a Service Learning Advisory Board in order to build ownership and allow projects that meet each school's interests and identified needs. Two representatives (1 adult/ 1 student) from each individual school's SLAB will make up the district SLAB. Projects will continue to address homeland security, safe school issues as well as environmental, educational and other human needs as identified by a needs assessment by youth.

8. White River Valley School District

P.O. Box 1470, Switz City, IN 47465-0147

Number of Classrooms Participating: 617
 Number of Students Participating: 6,124
 Number of Teachers Participating: 320

The program proposed consists of three tiers: professional development, student leadership, and mini grants. The goal of the project is to embed service-learning into the culture of the county. The following will occur to accomplish this goal: Develop a county-wide network for service learning, develop advisory boards for students, staff, and community, and identify a school liaison for service learning, provide professional development at all levels and develop student leadership skills. Projects will be imbedded into classrooms and curriculum, involve all students in grades K-12 with at least 30 grants awarded in year one. It is anticipated that service learning will be included in all PL221 plans with appropriate goals and strategies at the building level.

AmeriCorps*State Programs

1. Boys and Girls Clubs of Indianapolis - In an effort to provide Marion County youth with the structured activities that can refocus them for success, the Neighborhood After-School Corps will deliver member service through after school programs in socio-economically challenged local neighborhoods. Members will perform direct service, build capacity and serve as ambassadors to community agencies in the delivery of youth programs.

2. Franklin College - The Building a Healthy Community Corps provide programming in three areas of concentration: 1) literacy including tutoring and mentoring; 2) health and wellness, and; 3)self-sufficiency. Members will provide small group-tutoring, manage a neighborhood book mobile project, link at-risk youth with special needs to a college age mentor, assist with the Youth Philanthropy Initiative, develop marketing materials for the health initiative, and recruit and train volunteers to assist in capacity building efforts.

3. Habitat for Humanity of Indiana - AmeriCorps members assist in building and renovating 80+ affordable houses annually. Members recruit, train and lead community volunteers to support this effort. AmeriCorps members will serve as Volunteer Coordinators, Construction Coordinators, or Family Support Coordinators. Members will assist our partner families, lead volunteers, and manage construction activities. Sites: Bloomington, Indianapolis, Muncie, LaPorte, South Bend, Goshen, Huntington, Lafayette, Martinsville, Westfield, and surrounding counties.

4. Harmony Education Center - The Harmony Student Engagement project seeks to expand the structures and systems created by the VISTA Project in the Indianapolis Public School high schools. Currently, the proposed strategy includes the evaluation/assessment of needs of each IPS small school in relation to youth voice/school and community engagement/school culture/academics. The staff will work with educators/students/ parents/community members to create program plans that address these needs as well as create a sustainability plan with each school. These steps will then transition the applicant to apply for AmeriCorps Members which will be embedded in each of the 21 IPS small conversion high schools in the 2006-07 school year, supporting the program designs developed.

5. Indiana State University - The Sycamore Service Corps members will support the issue areas of public safety, human needs, community and economic development, education, and health/nutrition. Members will support families through local programs geared towards the education of families about care and booster seat safety and teen court as an alternative to the juvenile criminal justice program. Members will also provide mentoring to youth at local day camps, summer camps, and community centers, promote childhood health and prevention of overweight and obesity in youth as well as assist with the development of job skills for local residents through a family self-sufficiency program.

6. Indianapolis Coalition for Neighborhood Development - ICND will develop its AmeriCorps program based upon the Community Corps model. A program will be designed that utilizes both team-based and individual placements at scattered sites. The program will be developed to meet the needs of an urban community, Indianapolis. It is anticipated that the top three areas of focus will be low-income community, urban community, and asset accumulation.

7. Indianapolis Housing Authority - The IHA AmeriCorps program members will recruit volunteers to support intergenerational culture, arts and reading sites. AmeriCorps members will plan cultural heritage, arts and reading programs, recruit volunteers and coordinate parental empowerment trainings under the supervision of the CARES coordinator and the Resident Relations Lead Manager.

8. WorkForce Development Strategies Incorporated - WDSI proposes to increase the value placed on higher education and lifelong learning opportunities in North Central Indiana. AmeriCorps members participating in the program will be recruited from the post-World War II baby boom cohort. They will participate in service activities that focus on consumer education related to the need for, access to regional opportunities for post secondary education and lifelong learning.

9. GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE - Indiana State Department of Health - ISDH proposes to develop the Governor's Health*Corps, which strives to empower children, families and communities to decrease health disparities with education and information regarding good nutrition and physical activities through community –based health promotion approaches. These approaches include outreach, education, peer counseling, and referral and follow-up through a volunteer force.

10. Peace Learning Center - Peace Learning Center provides conflict management skills and character development to youth and families in Indianapolis creating safe and healthy communities while building understanding of cultures and diversity. AmeriCorps members serve as facilitators in three programs: Peace Learning Camp - an overnight experience in the woods of Southern Indiana; Peace Education - a full-day program at Eagle Creek Park; and Peace Training Services - a school-based program providing peer mediation, Peace Clubs and other initiatives to enhance school learning.

11. City of Elkhart - AmeriCorps members engage youth and community groups in three areas of service focused on the environment: environmental education, restoration of natural areas, and environmental volunteerism (community involvement). Members and volunteers lead nature hikes and experiential learning activities for area youth, implement water conservation devices and techniques in area homes, conduct projects and hold community events that involve and educate the community about local environmental issues. Members serve with the City of Elkhart Public Works and Utilities, the Elkhart Environmental Center, The Nature Conservancy, the Elkhart Community School Corporation and various local organizations.

12. Indiana University/ Aftercare in Indiana through Mentoring (AIM) - Members serve as Site Supervisors, assisting juvenile offenders make their transition from a correctional facility back to the community. Members are responsible for assisting in the preparation of the youths for their release, identifying resources in the community to assist in supporting the youths after their release, and recruiting and supervising volunteer mentors for the youths. Sites: Bloomington, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Logansport, LaPorte, Pendleton, Plainfield, South Bend, Richmond, and Lafayette.

Senior Corps Programs

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

RSVP (the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) is part of Senior Corps, a network of national service programs that provides older Americans the opportunity to apply their life experience to meeting community needs. RSVP volunteers serve in a diverse range of nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and faith-based groups. Among other activities, they mentor at-risk youth, organize neighborhood watch programs, test drinking water for contaminants, teach English to immigrants, and lend their business skills to community groups that provide critical social services. In fiscal year 2001, approximately 480,000 volunteers served an average of four hours a week at an estimated 65,000 local organizations. To learn more about the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Senior Corps programs please call (317) 226-6724

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23. RSVP of Daviess County, IN, Inc.

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Foster Grandparent Program

The Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) is part of Senior Corps, a network of national service programs that provide older Americans the opportunity to put their life experiences to work for local communities. Foster Grandparents serve as mentors, tutors, and caregivers for at-risk children and youth with special needs through a variety of community organizations, including schools, hospitals, drug treatment facilities, correctional institutions, and Head Start and day-care centers. In fiscal year 2001 more than 30,000 Foster Grandparents tended to the needs of 275,000 young children and teenagers.

24. Aging & Community Services of South Central Indiana

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25. Community Action Program of Evansville

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26. Lutheran Homes, Inc.

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28. Community Action of Greater Indianapolis

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Senior Companion Program

The Senior Companion Program (SCP) is part of Senior Corps, a network of national service programs that provides older Americans with the opportunity to apply their life experiences to meeting community needs. Senior Companions serve one-on-one with the frail elderly and other homebound persons who have difficulty completing everyday tasks. They assist with grocery shopping, bill paying, and transportation to medical appointments, and they alert doctors and family members to potential problems. Senior Companions also provide short periods of relief to primary caregivers. Because of the program, thousands of citizens are able to live with dignity in their own homes. In fiscal year 2001, 15,500 Senior Companions tended to the needs of more than 61,000 adult clients.

32. Catholic Charities

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AmeriCorps*Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) Programs

Area: Homeless Intervention & Prevention & Affordable Housing

1. Horizon House, Inc. (Project ID: 06VSNIN002)

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Program Supervisor: Ms. Melissa Marquardt

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Description: With a commitment to hospitality, respect, and dignity, the mission of Horizon House is to be an advocate for homeless neighbors and to provide personalized services that empower them to permanently end their homelessness. Four VISTA members and one team leader are located at Horizon House working on: Resource Development, Community Relations, Volunteer Recruitment, and Housing and Prisoner Re-entry Resource Development. The Team Leader focuses on member recruitment and development.

Sites: See following sub-site listing.

Sub-site 1(A):

Catholic Charities Diocese of Gary

321 West 11th Street
Michigan City, IN 46360

Phone: (219) 879-9312

Program Supervisor: Ms. Mary McPherson

Website: <http://www.catholic-charities.org/>

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Description: Catholic Charities programs and services are designed to prevent and cure poverty and to teach skills that will enhance individuals to maintain independence in a working world. Catholic Charities in LaPorte County works to find resources to assist those who are at risk of homelessness and to place homeless families in permanent housing. The Resource Development VISTA member will work to sustain current programs and projects created by past VISTA member by identifying and training volunteer leaders. The VISTA member will work to increase community resources and awareness of affordable housing in local area for clients to utilize.

Sub-site 1(B):

Coalition for Homeless Intervention and Prevention (CHIP)

960 East Washington Street, Suite 200B
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Phone: (317) 630-0853

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Ms. Jen Hunt

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Description: The Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention of Greater Indianapolis (CHIP) is a nonprofit agency created in 1996 to advocate for homeless and near-homeless people in Indianapolis and to help organizations that serve them work together to foster an effective, coordinated community-wide approach toward ending homelessness. Two members will be focusing on resource development and community relations for CHIP initiatives.

Sub-site 1(C):

Indiana Coalition on Housing and Homeless Issues (ICHHI)

324 West Morris Street Suite 202
Indianapolis, IN 46225

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Program Supervisor:

Website: www.ichhi.org

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Description: ICHHI is a statewide non-partisan membership-based organization that believes everyone in Indiana deserves safe, decent, affordable housing; employment; income; and resources for self-sufficiency. Homeward Bound is one statewide initiative that has been implemented to raise awareness and financial support for homeless service providers throughout the state. One VISTA member will work on strengthening and developing Homeward Bound walk sites through Corporation support, increased volunteer recruitment, and strengthening PR campaign for the walk.

Sub-site 1(D):

Partners in Housing Development Corporation (PIHDC)

2811 E. 10th Street, Suite D

Website: www.pihdc.org

Indianapolis, IN 46201

Phone: (317) 633-1861

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Program Supervisor: Mr. Jim McCormick, COO **E-mail:** jmccormick@pihdc.org

Description: The development of safe affordable housing is the first step in ending homelessness. Since 1993, Partners In Housing Development Corporation has created 299 units of supportive housing. Without these units, more than 300 people (individuals and families) would be left homeless...dispersed among local shelters, jails, mental hospitals, and the streets. By providing a stable, safe, clean, and affordable place to live, we are giving people a chance to make positive changes and turn their lives around. The PIHDC VISTA Capacity Building Specialist will work on raising community awareness, diversifying funding streams, implementing fundraisers, and improve technology systems throughout the agency.

Sub-site 1(E):

Stepping Stones

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Bloomington, IN 47402

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Description: Stepping Stones is a non-profit, independent organization that offers transitional housing for young people 16-20 years old who are experiencing homelessness. One VISTA member will focus on resource development, volunteer recruitment, and program development.

Sub-site 1(F):

Vincent House, Inc.

2827 Holton Avenue

Fort Wayne, IN 46806

Phone: (260) 456-4172

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Program Supervisor: Ms. Ann Helmke

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Website: <http://www.vincenthouse.50megs.com/index.html>

Description: Seeking to alleviate the problems of the homeless, Vincent House provides shelter, care, advocacy, affordable housing and supportive services for homeless families as these families build strength and strive to become independent, productive members of the community. Rooted in a belief in God, and under the direction of a diverse board, Vincent House seeks to affirm the dignity of life for all served. Vincent House's VISTA member will focus on identifying sources to diversify funding streams and raising awareness in community.

Area: Prisoner Re-entry

2. Indiana University/Aftercare for Indiana through Mentoring (AIM)

(Project ID: 06VSNIN003)

3190 North Meridian Street

Indianapolis, Indiana 46208

Phone: (317) 920-6857

Website: <http://aim.spea.iupui.edu>

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Program Supervisor: Ms. Brenda Adams-Turk

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Sponsor Director: Dr. Roger Jarjoura

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Description: AIM is a partnership between Indiana University-Perdue University Indianapolis and the Indiana Department of Correction, involving the active participation of community groups and agencies. AIM has served the statewide population of juvenile offenders for ten years and in 2005 expanded programming to serve adult offenders. VISTA members will develop and implement a comprehensive approach to the recruitment and support of volunteers to serve as mentors, design and develop comprehensive programming to support ex-offenders into the successful transition back into the home environment, develop an awareness campaign to encourage community members and leaders to become involved, and develop collaborations with other National Service programs in Indiana to build program capacity and sustainability.

Sites: See following sub-site listing.

Sub-site 2(A):

AIM-South Bend

IU-South Bend

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South Bend, IN 46634

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Sub-site A:

Choices – Mentoring Children of Promise

4701 North Keystone Avenue, Suite 150

Indianapolis, IN 46205

Phone: (317) 472-8507

Website: www.ChoicesTeam.org

Fax: (317) 472-8503

Program Supervisor: Ms. Leslie Kelly

E-mail: lkelly@ChoicesTeam.org

Sponsor Director: Ms. Leslie Kelly

E-mail: lkelly@ChoicesTeam.org

Description: Mentoring Children of Promise serves six to fifteen year-old children in Marion County that have a parent in state or federal prison. Youth are matched with adult mentors to enhance a sense of stability in their lives during parental incarceration and re-entry.

Sub-site 2(B):

Indiana Department of Correction

302 West Washington Street

IGCS, Room E334

Indianapolis, IN 46202

Phone: (317) 232-5967

Website: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection/>

Fax: (317) 232-6798

Program Supervisor: Ms. Diane Mains

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Sponsor Director: Mr. Mike C. Lloyd

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Description: In 2006, the Indiana Department of Correction is expected to release 15,000 adults from incarceration. The Department strives to improve the quality of programming and services provided to offenders while they are incarcerated and to focus its efforts on positively impacting community reentry. They seek to not only sustain, but grow their reentry efforts through grants and non-traditional funding sources as well as to continually evaluate their programs, service, and impact on the offender population. AmeriCorps*VISTA members will assist the Department in public relations and outreach, collaboration and support, volunteer mentor programming, technology support, and grant development.

Sub-site 2(C):

Indianapolis Police Department/Weed and Seed

50 North Alabama Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Phone: (317) 327-3452

Website: <http://www.indygov.org/ipd>

Fax: (317) 327-4489

Program Supervisor: Ms. Liz Allison

E-mail: A3663@indygov.org

Sponsor Director: Ms. Barbara Rogers

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Description: The Indianapolis Weed & Seed initiative includes 3 central city neighborhoods that have experienced high levels of crime and disinvestment. Through their Weed & Seed initiatives, these communities have developed strategies and partnerships to prevent and reduce crime and to address the underlying issues that

create opportunities for crimes to be committed. Weed & Seed is a two-pronged approach: 1) to work with law enforcement to address the most significant crime problems and 2) to work with local service providers to address the social and economic problems of the community. Weed & Seed is governed by a local Steering Committee which includes neighborhood residents, representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Prosecutor's Office, the Indianapolis Police Department, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the faith-based community, schools, social service providers and other community stakeholders.

Sub-site 2(D):

John P. Craine House, Inc.

3535 North Pennsylvania

Indianapolis, IN 46205

Phone: (317) 925-2833

Program Supervisor: Ms. Sarah Ryg

Sponsor Director: Ms. Suzanne Pierce

Website: N/A

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Description: The John P. Craine House, Inc. is an alternative sentencing program for non-violent female offenders and their pre-school age children. Craine House offers a unique residential program that can house nine women and their children and individual counseling, substance abuse programs, parenting, GED tutoring, health and nutrition, job readiness and financial skill building. Craine House serves approximately 25 women through our day reporting program. Craine's mission is to provide alternatives to incarceration for female offenders to live in dignity in a safe, structured, supportive environment, which promotes preservation of mother/child relationships, while participants develop skills to better maintain their families with economic and emotional independence, and to live accountable, responsible, law-abiding lives.

Area: Service-Learning, Education & Literacy

3. Department of Education

Learn and Serve

Room 229, State House

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Phone: (317) 233-3163

Program Supervisor: Ms. Michele Sullivan

Sponsor Director: Ms. Michele Sullivan

Website: <http://www.doe.state.in.us/opd/srvlrm>

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Description: AmeriCorps*VISTA members work to create sustainable national service and service-learning models by building the capacity of and the support for school, community and faith-based organizations that meet local needs in the areas of education, the environment, human needs and public safety. They assist schools that are grant funded by Learn and Serve Indiana, and communities with achieving self-sufficiency. VISTA members will work to identify and mobilize volunteer and financial resources, which are essential to the delivery and maintenance of critical services and programs designed to benefit individuals and families.

Sites: See following sub-site listing.

Sub-site 3(A):

Mooreville Consolidated School Corporation

11 West Carlisle Street

Mooreville, IN 46158

Phone: (317) 831-9200

Site Supervisor: Ms. Susan Haynes

Fax: (317) 831-9202

E-mail: shaynes@mcsc.k12.in.us

Description: In its fifth year of LSI funding, Mooreville is a "Best Practice" program in Indiana. Children throughout the district participate in many service learning programs. The high school's safe driving program, Project Ignition, won top honors at the National Service Learning Conference in 2005.

Sub-site 3(B):**Metropolitan School District of Perry Township**

401 West Meridian School Road

Indianapolis, IN 46217

Phone: (317) 789-4400**Fax:** (317) 865-2660**Site Supervisor:** Ms. Rosemarie Kuntz**E-mail:** rkuntz@msdpt.k12.in.us

Description: Perry Meridian was selected by the Corporation for National and Community Service in 2002 as one of sixteen schools to be a National Service Learning Leader School. This honor recognizes the forty different courses in thirteen departments that have had academic instruction through service learning. Perry Meridian is also home to “Best Practice” programs in Indiana.

Sub-site 3(C):**Springs Valley Community School Corporation**

498 S. Larry Bird Blvd.

French Lick, IN 47432

Phone: (812) 936-4474**Fax:** (812) 936-9392**Site Supervisor:** Mr. Roger Fisher**E-mail:** rfisher@svalley.k12.in.us

Description: Springs Valley Community Schools and the surrounding community have a rich history in service-learning. “Best Practice” programs have been funded for over six years in this school district. Great emphasis is put on service-learning and its benefits to the students, schools, and community. No longer a funded LSI site, the VISTA program continues to build capacity and create sustainability for their service-learning programs.

Sub-site 3(D):**Valparaiso Community School Corporation**

3801 North Campbell Street

Valparaiso, IN 46383

Phone: (219) 531-3070**Fax:** (219) 531-3076**Site Supervisor:** Ms. Pat Swanson**E-mail:** pswanson@mail.valpo.k12.in.us

Description: Valparaiso Community Schools is home to “Best Practice” programs in Indiana and have also received the National Award for Excellence in service learning. The mission of the service learning program is to provide every school-aged student an opportunity to actively engage in age and ability appropriate service learning and homeland security projects. Students are able to participate in over 120 service learning projects district wide.

4. Indiana University Community Outreach and Partnerships in Service-Learning, COPS

ISS-Franklin Hall 004

Bloomington, IN 47405

Phone: (812) 856-5686**Website:** <http://www.indiana.edu/~cops/>**Fax:** (812) 855-8404**Program Supervisor:** Ms. Claire King**E-mail:** cljking@indiana.edu**Sponsor Director:** Ms. Claire King**E-mail:** cljking@indiana.edu

Description: AmeriCorps*VISTA members will work on data compilation and analysis, evaluation of existing campus/community and service-learning programs and development of campus/community connections. Specifically, VISTA members will be constructing Memorandums of Understanding with community partners, creating a service-learning newsletter, improving service-learning reflection activities, and helping design web-based databases.

Sites: See following sub-site listing.Sub-site 4(A):**City of Bloomington Volunteer Network**

401 North Morton Street Suite 260

Bloomington, IN 47402

Phone: (812) 349-3472**Website:****Fax:****Site Supervisor:** Ms. Bet Savich**E-mail:** volunteer@bloomington.IN.gov